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Sir:

Consideration of the information disclosure statement submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) is requested.

Attention is directed a copy of an International Search Report in a PCT application corresponding to the above referenced application and to the attached U.S. patents along with a listing of said references on a PTO-1449.

The undersigned registered attorney hereby certifies that the information contained herein was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Consideration, citation and a return of an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 are requested.

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